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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

BEFORE: CHARLES A. LEGGE, JUDGE (Ret.)

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ORACLE CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation; ORACLE, USA, INC., a Colorado corporation, and ORACLE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, a California corporation,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

No. 07-CV-01658-MJJ

SAP AG, a German corporation, SAP AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation, TOMORROWNOW, INC., a Texas corporation, and DOES 1-50, inclusive,

Defendants.

HEARING IN RE DISCOVERY ISSUES

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Page 110 Page 112 1 Now, many of these entries which deal with its own database. customers leaving Oracle don't have that level of 2 2 MR. HOWARD: It does. It has a series of nine 3 detail. This one at least gives us the road map that 3 databases, your Honor, and I think that this is --4 there was that customer complaint that was a direct link 4 should be resolved. 5 to the customer leaving, but in many, many cases on 5 JUDGE LEGGE: I hope so. Now, what I get is, these customers leaving Oracle, the entries are much 6 6 in your letter at the bottom of page 7, you're talking 7 7 more generic. about, I suppose, a swap deal ---8 Here's one on the very next page. All it says 8 MR. HOWARD: Right. JUDGE LEGGE: -- where you give information on 9 is: "In February, I contacted Joe Strumberger who we 9 worked with last year." So what they're doing is 10 10 Change Assistant and they give you information on Titan. 11 they're saying, well, here's one summary we have that's 11 They think they have that deal with you. I'm not sure 12 kind of sort of what you're looking at and like it or 12 whether they did or didn't. 13 lump it. But they're not telling us that they will 13 And then the last paragraph on page 8, Oracle 14 produce customer complaints in their possession and 14 will produce the requested databases as highly 15 15 control for these customers. confidential. Okay. 16 MR. HOWARD: I don't think that's right, your 16 MR. HOWARD: Right. 17 Honor, but let me make two observations about what 17 JUDGE LEGGE: So has everything been agreed to. 18 Mr. McDonell just said. Number one, I would be a little 18 MR. COWAN: Your Honor, this is Scott Cowan. 19 surprised if Mr. McDonell didn't now go out and subpoena 19 We reached the same conclusion after reading the 20 Lexmark and ask them directly, well, why did you leave, 20 response, that Oracle has agreed to produce what we've 21 if you left, and number two, what he's now demonstrated 21 asked or sought your assistance in compelling them to produce. The only question I have, which was unclear 22 is that you actually can conduct focused discovery that 22 23 isn't all documents relating to customer complaints 23 from their response, is whether the Change Assistant about Oracle support or maintenance services. 24 that they're agreeing to produce, all the versions of 24 25 25 So, you know, we've never said that we won't Change Assistant is in fact the source code and not the Page 111 listen to requests, you know, for targeted follow-up compiled program, because we've produced the source code 1 2 discovery. What we've objected to is having to search 2 of Titan. 3 through the entire company for, you know, the day-to-day 3 JUDGE LEGGE: So you want the source code and discussions that could be construed about some random 4 4 not what? thing for some other customer. 5 5 MR. COWAN: Well, we would like the compiled 6 version as well, but we want to make sure when they MS. HOUSE: And you've got to keep it tied to 6 7 produce Change Assistant we get the source code of the 7 why they went to TomorrowNow. You certainly have gotten a flavor within these two hearings, there's plenty of Change Assistant so we can see what it is doing and 8 material that's actually right in the target zone for 9 compare how Change Assistant dose what it does to how 9 10 Titan does what it does. 10 this particular cause of action, this particular MR. HOWARD: Your Honor, I have to say that I 11 complaint. 11 12 You go even remotely afield and you really 12 don't believe I have ever heard that request before. I start to get it even more unwieldly and ridiculous. So 13 13 don't think it's within the scope of the RFP that has 14 been proffered, and I can't imagine why they would need 14 the focus is the way to go. JUDGE LEGGE: Anything more? 15 all of the source code for Change Assistant. The point 15 16 MR. McDONELL: I would just note that what 16 here is the functionality of it, at least as best I've 17 we're looking for is customer complaints that might 17 heard it from them up until now through all the meet and reasonably be related to reasons customers ceased 18 confers. If what they're seeking is source code, then 18 working with Oracle, which I think they have and could I'd like an opportunity to brief that or at least 19 19 20 readily identify. 20 consider it and consult with my client about it. 21 JUDGE LEGGE: All right. Submitted. Number 21 MR. COWAN: Your Honor, I think we've already 22 four is submitted. 22 briefed it. The issue really comes down to, and

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Mr. Howard knows this, producing those programs to us in

the compiled form are useless because there is no way we

can or our experts can use those programs without a live

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Number five is request 52 and 118 dealing with

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we're talking about, are we not? The search engine has

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They have only allowed us access to date to Customer Connection to a very, very controlled remote access saying where we have to log in as a user on their expert's computers while they watch what we do, and we can't download anything directly to even our expert's computers. We have to download to their expert's computers. They look and see what we've done and then decide whether they want to give it to us.

Right now, we've had a very, very attenuated access to Customer Connection and that which may be the subject of a further motion, but the big issue here is having our software expert analyze the Change Assistant program and compare it to what the Titan program is doing, because now doubt they will compare Titan against their own software and how it does what it does. They have Titan source code. All we're asking for in exchange is the reciprocal production in producing Change Assistant source code.

MR. HOWARD: There's a big difference, your Honor. Titan was a program that they developed in order to steal Oracle's materials. Why is the result of that that they get Oracle's proprietary source code that they provide to its customers?

MR. COWAN: We don't object to their producing

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MR. HOWARD: It's in the form in which the customers or in this case TomorrowNow downloaded it to use to search the databases that we've also agreed to produce. So it's essentially like getting a program over the counter that you could use.

JUDGE LEGGE: So any reasonable engineer ought to be able to take your version and use it?

MR. HOWARD: Not even an engineer. I mean, anybody can load it up onto a computer and operate it to search for things and see how it works.

JUDGE LEGGE: Well, then why do you need source

MR. COWAN: Because the program that Mr. Howard is referring to that says it's off the shelf and your average customer can use, and I agree once you install it you can use it, but it is a companion piece of software that will not work without it being connected to Customer Connection. For example, you installed Microsoft Word on your own personal computer at home. You know what it can do for you by watching what it can do for you, but you don't know how it does what it does. And you have to have the source code of a program. This is fundamental, and I would expect Mr. Howard appreciates this.

The only way you can know how the program does

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it under the highly confidential designation as we produced the Titan source code. We're entitled to see how Change Assistant does what it does, just like they're entitled to see how Titan does what it does. And the fact that, you know, whatever labels they want to put on Titan or whatever motives they want to ascribe to how Titan was created or why Titan was created, the fact remains, and Mr. Howard hasn't denied and I don't think can deny, that they won't compare the two programs either during the pretrial proceedings or trial of this

We need that source code of that software. We've asked for it. We've asked for access to it. They've extremely limited our access. Our experts need this to look at it. Their experts have Titan. We need what they admit in their response is the reciprocal component of that on their side.

MR. HOWARD: Your Honor --

JUDGE LEGGE: Well, you do refer to source code on page 6 of your motion.

MR. COWAN: Yes, we do.

JUDGE LEGGE: I read right over that. I didn't pay any attention to it. Let me ask this. When you produce versions, as you say, of Change Assistant, what format will that be in? What form is it in?

what it does is look at the programming language, the

source code behind it to see how it's doing it. They 2 have asked for, they demanded that we produce the source 3

code of Titan. We could have produced it in a compiled 4 5

form, you know, in the install it form that they're

trying to produce Change Assistant, but they demanded 6 7 that we produce the source. They demanded that we

produce source code that even if it hadn't been compiled

and used by TomorrowNow.

We ultimately relented and produced every copy of every source even if it never been compiled. All we're asking for was that reciprocal part of that agreement. We thought that's what their response says. It clearly not, and that's why I wanted to raise this

JUDGE LEGGE: I'm looking at your letter of February 19, page 6, you want Change Assistant and associated database.

MR. COWAN: We want the Change Assistant software -- that's the first thing. They've agreed to produce that -- comma, its source code, which is what we're talking about right now, and three associated databases. They've agreed to produce the first and the third but not the second.

JUDGE LEGGE: Now, you say that the purpose is

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that this Change Assistant is what is going to interface and enable you to read the Customer Connection Web site.

MR. COWAN: Without having the ability for our expert to operate with total freedom, the total access to Customer Connection in his own environment and in his own laboratory to look and see how Change Assistant does what it does and interacts with Customer Connection, which is the larger Web site that Oracle posts these SSM's on, we have no way of knowing, and even then we still don't have any way of knowing how Change Assistant does what it does or how Change Assistant interacts with these nine different databases that comprise 1.2 terabytes of data.

We have to have the source code to do that. We have to see which databases are being called in the program by Change Assistant and what data is being pulled out of which database. That you will not see by simply getting a copy of the compiled Change Assistant program.

JUDGE LEGGE: Why do you need that?

MR. COWAN: To understand the relationship of the data associated with the mapping.

JUDGE LEGGE: Just a minute, sir.

MR. McDONELL: Scott, you have to take a breath every now and then. His Honor is trying to respond to

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One thing I haven't heard back from Mr. Howard --

JUDGE LEGGE: I'm missing something. I'm missing something.

MR. McDONELL: Your Honor, would it be helpful, as Mr. Howard suggested, that there be a supplemental writing on this?

JUDGE LEGGE: Yeah.

MR. McDONELL: I'm gathering there's not a lot of communication.

JUDGE LEGGE: You are correct. You did put source code as part of the definition of what you're looking for in your letter of the 19th. Let me see what you said about it in your actual --

MR. HOWARD: It's request 118 your Honor, which says nothing about source code and in fact asks for exactly what we've agreed to provide.

JUDGE LEGGE: Well, it says in 118 that you want it for the sole purpose of giving access to be able to inspect Customer Connection.

MS. HOUSE: Yeah.

MR. COWAN: Correct, and we need the underlying data that's in that source code to be able to do that, your Honor, fully. What they're wanting to do is give us the engine or give us the car without letting us open

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what you're saying.

MR. COWAN: I'm sorry.

JUDGE LEGGE: The purpose of getting Change Assistant is to be able to read Customer Connection. If you are given Change Assistant and that enables you to read Customer Connection, why do you need any further information about how the interface does that job? You're getting what you want.

MR. COWAN: Because they have had in the last hearing and based on how the Court ordered or how you, your Honor, ordered us to figure out the mapping issue, we have to understand the relationships that Change Assistant uses to tie the licensed software to the software support materials.

The guts, if you will, the inner workings of the Change Assistant as revealed by its source code will give us that ability for our own engineers to do what clearly it appears you have indicated that we have the burden to do with their expert assistance that you've ordered, but that we have the burden to go figure out ourselves. And this is part of it. This is another piece of that that we need to help map up those licensed products to the downloads to help us determine which if any of them -- which of them were actually inappropriate.

the hood up to see how the car works, and we need to see how the car works to be able to understand exactly what's going on with respect to this software and how it is calling these databases, because what we're still looking, your Honor, and still struggling to try to find a way to electronically identify these inappropriate downloads.

We believe that the data we're requesting in this request will move the ball forward in that regard. Our expert believes that. We as counsel believe that.

JUDGE LEGGE: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

MR. COWAN: Again, they ask it for us on Titan, which is a program that does similar things to what Change Assistant does, and we produced it. And now they're saying, fine, great, glad you got it, demanded that we produce it or under the threat of a motion to compel. We did that, and now they're not willing to give us a reciprocal agreement. So when you look at why do we need the source code, we need it for the same reason they needed Titan source code.

MR. HOWARD: Except that's not what they've asked for, your Honor. They've asked for software sufficient to permit for the sole purpose of defending access to inspect Customer Connection. That's not source code. That's the program. Oracle doesn't use

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